SSP/SMS INTERFACE MANAGEMENT

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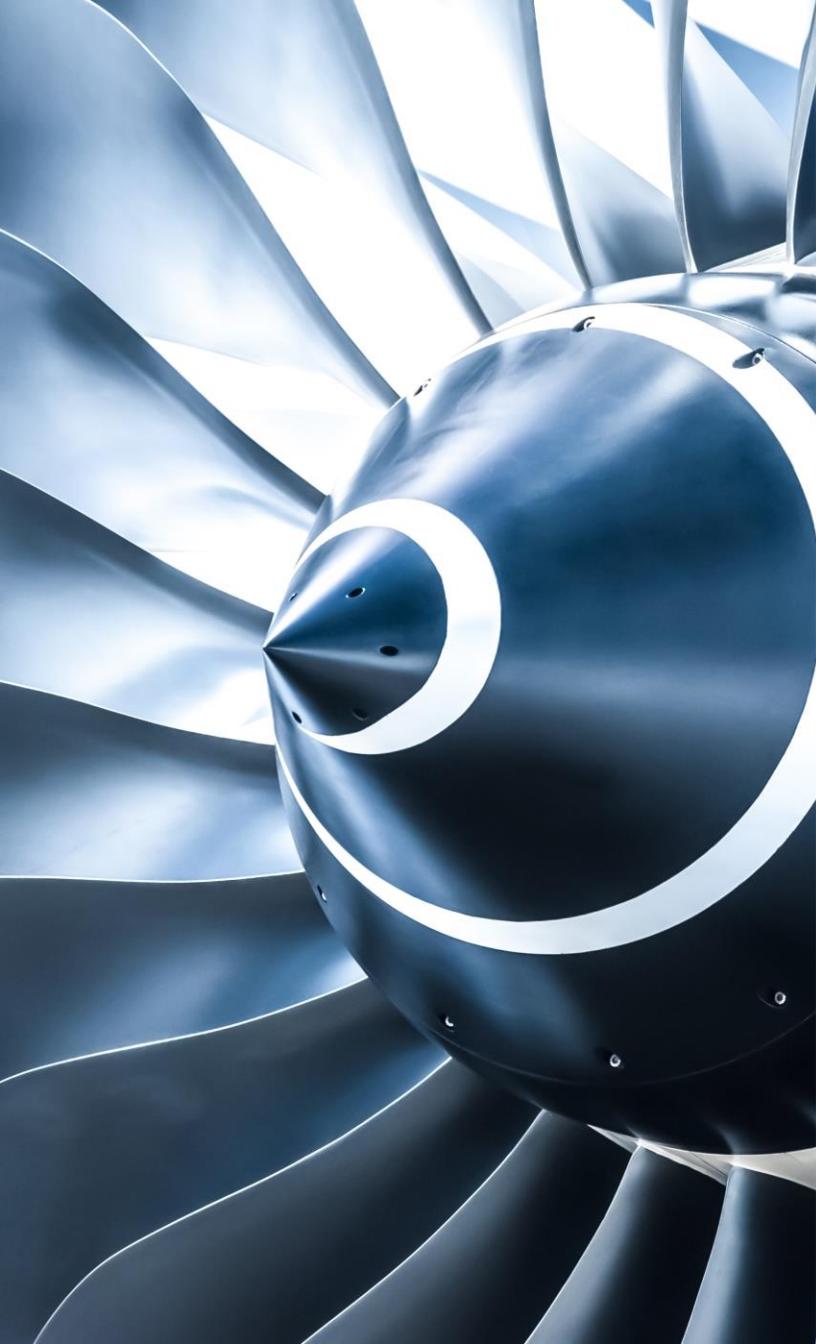
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INTRODUCTION

- The State Safety Program (SSP) provides the framework for implementing SMS in the industry at large.

- The State promulgates a national legislative framework that defines how the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) will oversee the management of safety in the State.

SPI AGREEMENT

- Although the RCAA did not have legal framework in place previously, they were able to provide guidance material to the airline on SMS implementation.

- As an airline, we have develop our own SPI that we share with the CAA on an annual basis.

- We are glad that the legal framework is now in place and the implementation phase of SSP can now begin

BENEFITS OF SSP/SMS INTERFACE

- CAA can assure that civil aviation in its state is safe

- The number and severity of accidents and incidents in the state is reduced.

- The number of aviation organizations that proactively implement SMS is increased.

- When all airport stakeholders are proactively implementing SMS this will directly improve the general safety environment at the airport.

CHALLENGES

- Resource allocation. The resources available to an organization are always limited. Especially if the mitigation requires major projects

- Lack of adequately trained personnel to spearhead the SSP and SMS processes

- Inter-system dependence. We all depend on each stake holder at the airport for certain services and product and each of our priorities differ

LESSONS LEARNT

- The SSP/SMS Interface requires all stake holders to buy in and must be spearheaded by each organizations' top management.

- Organizations that embrace SMS as an operating philosophy in their processes and practices, will reap both safety and business benefits.

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